IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 7375 OF 2006

Chandrakant L. Koli and others ..Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. K.N. Khandekar for the petitioners.
Mr. V.P. Malvankar, Assistant Government Pleader, for respondent Nos. 1 to 5.
Mr. S.B. Deshmukh for respondent No.7.

CORAM: **H.S. BEDI, C.J.,** &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2006.

P.C.

Rule. Respondents waive service of rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.

2. The only grievance of the petitioner is that their caste claim is pending for verification with respondent No.2-Committee and the respondents have threatened the petitioners to take coercive steps against petitioner No.1 including cancellation of admission of petitioner No.2.

3. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, the respondent No.2 committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, within three months from today. In the meanwhile, on the ground of non-submission of caste validity certificate by the petitioners, (i) respondent No.5 shall not take any coercive measure against petitioner No.1 and (ii) respondent Nos. 6 and 7 shall not disturb the admission of petitioner No.2 and allow petitioner No.2 to prosecute his further studies,. It is further directed that in case the decision of Respondent No.2 Committee is adverse to the petitioners, the same shall not be given effect to, for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of the order to the petitioners.

4. Rule is made absolute in the aforesaid terms with no order as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.